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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AIDING PRODUCT LIFE CYCLE PLANNING AND COMPUTER PROGRAM
PRODUCT THEREFOR

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REFERENCES

The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.

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Reference AW (Jeroen P. ROMBOUTS) on PTO-1449

This reference uses a rule-base which is to determine effective design for environment-options. (Figure 1, Table 4).

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